

CITY FACTS



HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT

- Scottsdale was founded by U.S. Army Chaplain Winfield Scott in 1888.
- Scottsdale's city government was incorporated June 25, 1951.
- The City Charter was adopted Nov. 16, 1961.
- Scottsdale has a council/manager form of government. The mayor and six council members are elected at large to serve four-year terms.

POPULATION

- The current population is 237,510.*
- Scottsdale has about 1,287 people per square mile.*
- Residents' median age is 41.0 years.**
- Scottsdale's median household income is \$70,700.*
- About 44 percent of residents are college graduates, 32 percent have some college and 16 percent are high school graduates.**

HOUSING

- There are 117,260 housing units in Scottsdale.*
- Owners occupy about 70 percent of the housing units, 30 percent are rented.**
- The average number of persons per household is 2.22.**
- The average family size is 2.79. **

FINANCES AND ECONOMY

- Scottsdale's total General Fund budget for the 2006-07 Fiscal Year is \$292.5 million.
- The city is one of a handful in the nation and the only city in Arizona with the highest possible general obligation bond ratings from Fitch (AAA), Moody's Investor Service (Aa1) and Standard and Poor's (AAA).
- The city's average unemployment rate for 2005 was 3.0 percent.***

LAND AND CLIMATE

- Scottsdale encompasses 184.6 square miles and stretches 31 miles south to north, making it the state's third largest city in land area.*
- The city ranges in elevation from 1,277 feet to 4,789 feet above sea level.
- The city has an average of 314 sunny days per year.
- Average annual precipitation is 7.66 inches.
- Scottsdale's average high temperature is 85.9 F.

Sources:

* September 2006 city estimate

** 2000 U.S. Census

*** 2005 estimate, Arizona Department of Economic Security

SERVICES AND AMENITIES

- The McDowell Sonoran Preserve was created in 1995 to protect a significant portion of the McDowell Mountains and surrounding desert. Its planned boundary encompasses approximately 36,400 acres, more than 30% of Scottsdale's total land area. Currently, the city owns 11,363 acres within this boundary thanks to land dedications and purchases made with voter-approved sales tax revenues.
- There are more than 1,169 acres of developed park land, including the WestWorld equestrian facility, 36 acres of lakes, 45 miles of bike paths, 35 miles of bike lanes, 50 miles of multi-use trails, and 58 other recreational facilities (these include school facilities in cooperation with the Scottsdale Unified School District).
- Scottsdale's Center for the Arts and Museum of Contemporary Art (Gerard L. Cafesjian Pavilion) are run by a private, nonprofit organization - the Scottsdale Cultural Council - which administers and manages Scottsdale's arts and cultural affairs. The combined facilities encompass 25,200 square feet of exhibit space, an 838-seat theater, a 140-seat lecture hall/cinema and an outdoor amphitheater that can accommodate 2,000 people.
- Scottsdale's library system includes the Civic Center Library, 3839 N. Drinkwater Blvd. and Mustang Library, at 10101 N. 90th St. Scottsdale also has two shared-use libraries. Palomino Library is located at Desert Mountain High School and Arabian Library is located at Desert Canyon Middle School. Internet access is available at all branches.
- Vista Del Camino Social Services offers information and referral assistance in locating various community resources. Vista also offers food and clothing banks, health services and emergency assistance. Scottsdale's two Senior Centers offer recreational, educational and social service programs geared toward senior citizens. Youth Services offers educational programs and support to troubled youth in the community and job referral services to teens.
- The Scottsdale Airport serves both the recreational flier and corporate business traffic. More than 460 aircraft are housed at the airport.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

MAYOR	CITY COUNCIL	
Mary Manross	Betty Drake	Robert W. Littlefield
	Wayne Ecton	Ron McCullagh
	W.J. "Jim" Lane	Tony Nelssen

SCOTTSDALE CHARTER OFFICIALS

City Manager Janet Dolan
City Attorney Deborah Robberson
City Auditor Cheryl Dreska
City Clerk Carolyn Jagger
City Judge B. Monte Morgan